

Annually, the U.S. Congress sponsors a nationwide art competition, "An Artistic Discovery," to showcase outstanding works of art by our nation's high school students. Each member of Congress has the opportunity to submit one work of art for display in the U.S. Capitol over a ten-month period.

Each high school in my district is invited to submit five works of art to represent their schools' gifted young artists. An independent panel of judges will select the winning piece based on originality, design, composition, technical skill, texture, medium, and the use of color. In 2008, an exhibition for all art entries (with the exception of the winning artwork, which will be in Washington D.C.) was held at the San Leandro Museum & Art Gallery from May 3 through May 14. The winning student, Alexander Cho, received an invitation to attend an all expenses paid trip to the grand opening ceremony in Washington, D.C. for the Arts Competition reception.

The 2008 deadline has passed. Please check back for the competition again in 2009. For more information, please contact your high school art instructor, your high school principal or my office at (510) 494-1388.